



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
May 2019

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



I leave with you;

My *Peace*
I give to you.



John 14:27, NRSV



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

A few weeks ago I wouldn't have thought it possible, but on Easter Sunday, other than the huge piles left by plows and the places where the warmth of the sun never hits, the snow was pretty much gone with lots of bare ground showing. A few days after Easter, I put my snow shovel back in the garage. If it should snow again I'm now into the mode of "God put it there; God will take it away." As I run in the morning, for awhile there has been an increasing volume of bird song which is always welcome after several months when there is none. On a morning in late April, along with the singing of the usual birds there was the honking of geese, first off in the distance and then louder with several flocks of hundreds of geese overhead, flying in formation in their return from wherever it is that they go for the winter. Along with that, some of our own "snowbirds" have also started to find their way back.



All of these are signs of the spring we've all been waiting for even though for a long time it felt like it would never come. By the time you read this it may even be that local baseball, softball and track teams will be able to practice and play outdoors and the soft, green canopy of early leaves will start to show on tree branches that were coated with ice not all that long ago.

In addition to being signs of spring, all these things are also reminders of resurrection, reminders of new life and such reminders are helpful. In places where the weather stays more or less the same throughout the year or in southern hemisphere places where the seasons are reversed, the theological truth of Easter is still the same. "Alleluia! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!" is still the same; but the reminders of new life that the natural world provides in northern places are missing.

With Easter being late this year, the entire month of May is part of the Easter season. Other things will happen along the way: Mothers' Day, Synod Assembly, Confirmation, Memorial Day, perhaps other significant events in your own life, but in church we continue to celebrate Easter for seven Sundays and seven weeks. During these seven weeks, after forty days we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus and after fifty days we celebrate Pentecost but it's all part of the resurrection truth of Easter. We wind up spending forty days in preparation for Easter and then we spend fifty days celebrating it.



Again, the signs of spring are signs of resurrection and they can be helpful reminders of the truth that we celebrate during this time...if we take time to notice. Too often we don't, distracted as we are by many things. Paying attention though, the signs are there. Let them be reminders to you that "He is Risen!" and that the celebration goes on!

Pastor Geier

	<p>Ascension Day Worship Service</p> <p>Thursday, May 30</p> <p>6:30 pm</p>
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Up But Not Away

Many Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurs on May 30.

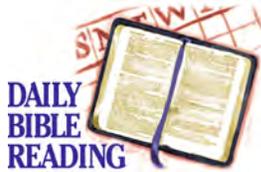
According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.

The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (Luke 24:52, NRSV).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (Matthew 28:20), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus' body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.



DAILY LECTIONARY



The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

“The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.”
—Martin Luther

May 2019

1 Psalm 122	Esther 9:1-5, 18-23	Luke 12:4-12
Readings for Phillip and James, Apostles		
Isaiah 30:18-21	Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26	2 Cor. 4:1-6 John 14:8-14
2 Psalm 30	Isaiah 5:11-17	Revelation 3:14-22
3 Psalm 30	Isaiah 6:1-4	Revelation 4:1-11
4 Psalm 30	Genesis 18:1-8	Luke 14:12-14

5 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

6 Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:1-25	Acts 9:19b-31
7 Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:26 — 2:1	Acts 26:1-18
8 Psalm 121	Isaiah 6:1-8	Luke 5:1-11
9 Psalm 23	Ezekiel 11:1-25	Revelation 5:1-10
10 Psalm 23	Ezekiel 20:39-44	Revelation 6:1 — 7:4
11 Psalm 23	Ezekiel 28:25-26	Luke 12:29-32

12 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

13 Psalm 100	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Revelation 15:1-4
14 Psalm 100	Ezekiel 45:1-9	Acts 9:32-35
Readings for Matthias, Apostle		
Isaiah 66:1-2	Psalm 56	Acts 1:15-26 Luke 6:12-16

15 Psalm 100	Jeremiah 50:17-20	John 10:31-42
16 Psalm 148	Ezekiel 2:8 — 3:11	Revelation 10:1-11
17 Psalm 148	Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 11:15
18 Psalm 148	Daniel 7:27	Revelation 11:16-19

19 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

20 Psalm 133	1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42	Acts 11:19-26
21 Psalm 133	1 Samuel 1:4-27	Acts 11:27-30
22 Psalm 133	Leviticus 19:9-18	Luke 10:25-28
23 Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:1-5	Acts 15:36-41
24 Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:6-8	Acts 16:1-8
25 Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:9-15	Luke 19:1-10

26 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22 — 22:5 John 14:23-29

27 Psalm 93	1 Chronicles 12:16-22	Revelation 2:5-14
28 Psalm 93	2 Chronicles 15:1-15	Revelation 21:15-22
29 Psalm 93	2 Chronicles 34:20-33	Luke 2:25-38

30 Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
 31 Psalm 97 Exodus 33:12-17 Revelation 22:6-9

Readings for Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

1 Samuel 2:1-10 Psalm 113 Romans 12:9-16b Luke 1:39-57

**“The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith.
 The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service.
 The fruit of service is peace.”**

—Mother Teresa



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns



Still, Still with Thee

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee.

Alone with Thee, amid the mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with Thee is breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

Still, still with Thee, as to each newborn morning,
A fresh and solemn splendor still is given,
So does this blessed consciousness, awaking,
Breathe each day nearness unto Thee and heaven.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning
When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;
Oh, in that hour, fairer than daylight's dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with Thee.

By Harriet Beecher Stowe



Fellowship Hall Floor original 1962 Will patch asbestos floor and put down carpet squares which are replaceable if ruined.

Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both

“Still, Still with Thee”: The Story Behind the Hymn

Harriet Beecher Stowe, daughter of the famous congregational pastor Lyman Beecher, is best known for her novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which sold 10,000 copies its first week of publication and contributed to the outbreak of the Civil War by arousing public sentiment against slavery.



In 1832 Harriet moved with her family to Cincinnati, Ohio, where her father had become president of Lane Theological Seminary. While there, she and her family often helped runaway slaves escape to Canada through the underground railroad. Throughout her life, Mrs. Stowe was known as an avid abolitionist as well as a saintly godly woman. In 1853 she even traveled to Europe for the purpose of arousing the women there in the fight against world-wide slavery.

Harriet was a remarkable woman. She raised seven children and managed a household while maintaining a career—which was unusual in those days—and taught in a college. She was also a social crusader. She wrote thirty books and countless articles and poems. After *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was published, she became an international celebrity in America and England. But her life was crowded with tragedy as well, including the drowning of her son while he was a freshman in college, the alcoholism and disappearance of another son, and the morphine addiction of a daughter who was given the medication as a pain-killer following childbirth.

How did she manage it all?

First, she had dedicated herself wholly to Christ at age 14, after listening to a sermon by her father. She gives this account of the event:

As soon as my father came home and was seated in his study, I went up to him and fell in his arms, saying, “Father, I have given myself to Jesus, and He has taken me.” I never shall forget the expression on his face as he looked down into my earnest childish eyes; it was so sweet, so gentle, and like sunlight breaking out upon a landscape. “Is it so?” he said, holding me silently to his heart, as I felt hot tears on my head. “Then has a new flower blossomed in the kingdom this day.”

Second, Harriet rose each morning at 4:30 to meet with the Lord before the day began. She enjoyed watching the sunrise, listening to the birds, and sensing the all-encompassing presence of God. It is this habit Harriet described in her best-known hymn written while meditating on Psalm 139:17-18.

How precious also your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You.

Psalm 139:17-18

In later years, in looking back over many of the difficulties she had experienced in her busy life of raising children, along with her other pursuits, Harriet wrote, “I thank God there is one thing running through all of them, from the time I was thirteen years old, and that is the intense unwavering sense of Christ’s educating, guiding presence, and care.”

In 1855, Harriet was introduced as a hymn writer when her brother Henry Ward Beecher, included three of her poems in his new hymnal, *Plymouth Collection of Hymns and Tunes*. “Still, Still with Thee” was originally titled “Resting in God” and was written by Harriet two years earlier. In writing this hymn, she concentrated on the phrase “When I awake, I am still with Thee.” It is commonly agreed by hymnists today, that for sheer poetic beauty, there is probably not a single American lyric that can excel “Still, Still, With Thee.” It is Harriet’s only hymn text that has survived to the present time.

Harriet Beecher Stowe died in Hartford, Connecticut, on July 1, 1896.

The Role of a Lifetime



We grow up when we see our life and our role from God’s perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, “God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?”

—Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*

Pilgrimage to Peace

Our pilgrimage
in life,
as in faith,
is not a straight line
from point A to point B.
Our pilgrimage
in life
is an ever deepening
ever broadening spiral
deeper into God
deeper into Christ
broadening out into
more and more
of the world.
In the unlimited center
of the spiral
is Christ
the one who wishes us peace
the one who is peace.
Our pilgrimage in life
is a spiral
around and into the Christ
- one with God -
who walks with us
listens to us
changes us
sets our hearts burning
breaks bread with us
and grants us
peace.



- Susan Palo Cherwien, *From Glory into Glory*



Ben Bruhnke has loved to read and write ever since he was little. In fact, he wrote his first story when he was three years old. Throughout his schooling he feels that his writing skills have continually improved and made him a good writer. One day he hopes to be a great writer.

One of Ben's biggest inspirations is J.K. Rowling, the author of the *Harry Potter* series. They were among the first books to inspire him to want to become an author, and they hold a special place in his heart. Ben says, "Writing has always been my passion. I have so many stories swirling around in my head that I want to share through writing. I hope to become an author and write novels for a living – it would be a dream come true."

Ben appreciates his supportive parents Bob and Gwen, and he feels they have had the biggest influence on his life. Together they have taught him patience, respect, manners, and so much more. His family also includes his younger sister Abbi and their dog Daisy. He also loves having his grandmother next door who Ben says is the greatest cook ever.

Having been part of Bethany for his whole life, Ben thinks he's been lucky to be part of Bethany and its amazing congregation. He also has had a lot of fun working in Bethany's nursery. He relates one funny anecdote. "On one particular day, the only child in the nursery with me was Peter. He and I placed two wooden boxes on their sides on opposite ends of the room and used them as goals. We played a soccer game in the nursery and almost forgot about communion. We were having so much fun. I find that to be a perfect example of the closeness of our congregation. Bethany is like my second family."

Ben's favorite Bible story is the parable of the prodigal son. It tells him that we can always be forgiven for our mistakes and receive God's grace. The story also shows the importance of remembering your home – that no matter what happens – you can always come home.

For over a year now, Ben has been an employee of Snyder's Drug n Negaunee, and he will continue working there until the end of summer when he moves to Green Bay. In the fall Ben will be attending the Green Bay campus of the University of Wisconsin.

In choosing his college, Ben wanted to be far enough from home to enjoy new experiences, but also close enough that he could visit often. Ben is also happy that his best friend will be going to the same school, and they can room together.

Ben will graduate from Ishpeming High School on June 7th.



Devon Nyman is a young man who zeroes in on what he wants and works to accomplish his goals. A prime example of this is his approach to education. His non-traditional approach began in the eighth grade. He knew he wanted to graduate early, so he began in 8th grade by taking two high school classes, Algebra I and Spanish I. As he started high school, he analyzed how to take all of his graduation credits within three years and also maximizing his opportunity to graduate with college credit. With that in mind, he doubled up on math courses (Geometry and Advanced Algebra) in 9th grade, doubled up on science courses (Biology and Chemistry) in 10th grade, and doubled up on English classes the next year. Taking those English classes allowed him to graduate early but also gave him college credit. In total Devon will graduate with 12 college credits. He is very proud that throughout high school, he not only took college prep classes, but he did it by graduating in three years.

While Devon concentrated on academics, he also was involved in athletics. He trained at AdvanEdge each year and played football. In football this year, Devon earned the awards of first team all-conference, first team all UP, and UP Dream Team. He also earned the honor of making the UP All Star Football Team. Devon also participated in basketball and track until his sophomore year.

Even though Devon was busy with academics and athletics, his busiest extracurricular was out of school. He is pit-crew and mechanic for the family snowmobile race team, Meyer Brothers Racing. His experience in these activities has taught him hard work, cooperation, and the desire to be the best he can be.

In the fall of 2019, Devon plans to attend Northern Michigan University to major in Mechanical Engineering and Technology. He chose this career path because he enjoys working on and analyzing motors. For the last five years he has been building his knowledge of motors by working on snowmobile motors throughout the winter months. Even though his experience is with snowmobile motors, he is interested in the creation of any motor. Devon says, "Working with my dad at Meyer Yamaha taught me my mechanical skill and has given me the passion to major in Mechanical Engineering and Technology."

Devon's long-term goal is to design engines for a company such as Polaris, John Deere, Briggs and Stratton, Caterpillar, Harley or some other major company.

Besides working for his dad at Meyer Yamaha, Devon also is working at Jubilee. He finds that work there is very different than working for family. Working in the grocery business, he had to work weekends and holidays, often missing fun with his family and friends.

Devon's parents Carrie and Greg Meyer have always encouraged him to work for everything he wants. I think he has and will continue to do just that.

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Blake Forbes is the third high graduate from Bethany. We hope to have his profile in the June issue of the Outlook

College Graduate

Alex Goldsworthy will graduate from Northern Michigan University on May 4 with a degree in Hospitality Management. After graduation Alex plans to move to the Houghton area.

A Graduate's Prayer

Father,

I have knowledge, so will You show me now,
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow
To make the world I live in a little better place,
And make life with its problems a little bit easier to face.
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve Thee in effective ways.
So my education, my knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.
And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
That knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You.
Amen.



Bethany Sesquicentennial Update - May

At a special meeting of the congregation, Nov. 21, 1871 it was decided to build a church. The 26th of January, 1873 Pastor N. Th. Winquist was called as pastor of Bethany Church. It is from this time our church records are dated.

Following our service on October 6, 2019 we will have a Scandinavian Dinner at the church.

Our next planning meeting to organize this and coming events will be Saturday, May 11 at 10:00AM. You are welcome to join us.

Committee: Deb Cain, Peg and Bob Clark, Tony and Rae Elliot, Sue Holmgren, Karen Kasper, Dave Levertton, Marian Medlyn, Ann Sundblad and Pastor Geier.



**The April Noisy Offering will go to
NGLS Hunger Drive.**

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

**Christian Women's Fellowship
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee**



**May 9, 2019
9:30am - 11:00 am**

**Speaker: Kathy Geier
"Camino de Santiago; Walk through
Spain"**

Music: Debbie Bengrey

Soloist: Barbara Lucas

Cost: \$7:00

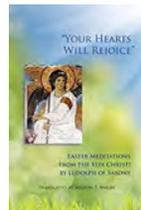
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Library Notes for May 2019 By Keenan Tunnell

The Easter Season lasts 40 days, until Pentecost, so I have a couple of additional Easter titles this month. Also following my recognition of saints days during a given month, I have included a couple on St. Joseph plus an Easter and St. Joseph DVD's. I hope these new titles will provide some inspiration for your move into Spring...the reflection of the Resurrection! (Additional titles/DVD's are available on the Library Kiosk)

Ludolf, von Sachsen. **Your Hearts will Rejoice; Easter Meditations** 232.97 LUD



The Vita Christi is a spiritual classic of the fourteenth century by the Carthusian Ludolph of Saxony... This volume, which consists of excerpts from the full Vita Christi, presents Ludolph's meditations on the resurrection and the appearances of the risen Christ, concluding with Pentecost. Although shelves of books are dedicated to Christ's passion, comparatively little spiritual reading for the Easter Season exists. This book is intended to help fill that gap and to introduce readers to this classic text.

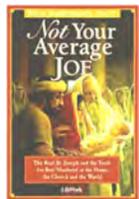
Cster, Fr. Gary. **Joseph, the man who raised Jesus.** 232.932 CAS

The perfect model for fathers, the perfect guide for the fatherless, St. Joseph is a mystery. Scripture tells his story in few words, but his influence upon the child he raised and the Church is immeasurable. Let Fr. Gary Caster introduce you to the man who risked everything to care for Mary and her Son, safeguarding them from harm and cherishing them with a pure and true love. Joseph was a flesh-and-blood testimony of what it means to live according to the Father's will with one's mind and heart centered on Christ.



Sarkisian, Rick. **Not your average Joe.** 232.932 SAR

St. Joseph like you've never encountered him before... Have you met the real St. Joseph? Not the lofty, unapproachable figure sometimes portrayed in art and literature. But the humble, hard-working man who was deeply involved in the day-to-day life of his family and world. Joseph wants to be just as involved in your life today, and here you'll learn how to welcome him in.



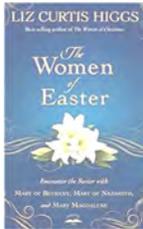
In these pages, Rick Sarkisian, Ph.D., shares personal anecdotes, vivid real-world experiences and penetrating insights into Joseph's vocation, mission and virtues. all to help you see your life in a fresh new way as you follow Joseph's example and seek to become a true reflection of Jesus Christ.

The Lutheran Hour. **Joseph: Carpenter of Steel. DVD 232.932 JOS**



The early chapters of Matthew and Luke give intriguing details about the principal players in the Christmas story but tantalizingly few about Joseph. *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel* offers a look at the foster-father of Jesus. Joseph's unwavering trust in God, his obedience in the face of ridicule and disruption gives us a unique example of biblical manhood. As carpenter, guardian, and parent, Joseph was, above all, faithful. Follow along as Rev. Gregory Seltz, speaker for The Lutheran Hour, hosts this documentary that will get you looking at the Nativity story from a fresh angle

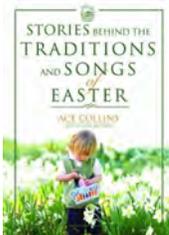
Higgs, Liz Curtis. **The Women of Easter. 232.96 HIG**



You're about to meet three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Mary of Bethany prepares the way for the Lord's burial when she anoints His feet and fills the air with her perfume. His mother, Mary of Nazareth, remains by His side from His first breath to His last, her loyalty unwavering. Mary Magdalene, delivered of seven demons, bravely supports her Teacher through His darkest hours, then proclaims the glorious news of His resurrection. What a trio. What a Savior!

Collins , Ace. **Stories behind the traditions and songs of Easter 263**

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The treasured traditions of Easter infuse our celebration of the season with meaning and glowing memories. And in ways you may not realize, they point us to the resurrection of Christ and our hope of life beyond the grave. *Stories Behind the Traditions and Songs of Easter* reveals the events and backgrounds that shaped the best-loved customs and songs of Easter, introducing you to stories you've never heard and a deeper appreciation for the holiday's familiar hallmarks. (Cover note)



Living Lutheran April 2019

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- All created things



Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1



St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary/Guardian of Jesus. This is the only one on the Lutheran calendar. Since it usually occurs during Lent, it is not usually observed. The second opportunity to honor him is May 1—Joseph, the Worker, added to the Roman Catholic calendar in 1955.

So...who is St. Joseph? Pope John Paul II called him "... a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God."

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but still, we know that he was the chaste husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Throughout Joseph's life, as in the hidden years of Jesus, seeming opposites are reconciled; prayer and work come together, contemplation and action, sacred and secular. It is another aspect of the Incarnation—God affirming and sanctifying the ordinary, Emmanuel learning and working alongside a simple carpenter

Joseph is the patron of many things. Already a patron saint of Mexico, Canada and Belgium, in 1870, Joseph was declared patron of the universal church by Pope Pius IX, and in 1955 Pope Pius XII established May 1 as the "Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker" to counter the Communists' May Day. He is also the patron of fathers, the dying, and social justice.

Joseph's attributes or symbols often associated with him include a carpenter's square or tools, the infant Jesus, staff with lily blossoms, two turtle doves, rod of spikenard.

*God our Father,
with Saint Joseph as our example and guide,
help us to do the work you have asked
and come to the rewards you have promised. Amen*

Other saints and notables to remember during the month of May include: the apostles Philip, James and Matthias, Athanasius, Copernicus, John Calvin, Julian of Norwich, and the Feast of the Visitation. Any names engage your curiosity?? That's what Google is for! Happy Spring!

Linda Hurrell Receives Prestigious Honor

Linda Hurrell received the Marquette Choral Society's 2019 Choral Leadership Award at a ceremony at NMU's Phyllis Reynolds Hall on April 28, 2019. This award honors musicians whose dedication to choral accompaniment has had an inspirational impact on the musical community of the Upper Peninsula.



One of the letters of nomination summed Linda's career this way: "Linda Hurrell is both a great musician and a superb accompanist and has been active in music in Marquette County for over 50 years. Her musicianship is outstanding with a great knowledge of the special nuances required of an accompanist. Most of us wonder if we have left a positive mark in the world...Linda has. It is her music.:"

This is a beautiful tribute to Linda, and Bethany is proud of her. We know that Linda's presence with us is a blessing. Congratulations and thank you, Linda Hurrell.



An Easter message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Getting a phone call in the middle of the night is never a good thing. I remember the second time my father had open-heart surgery. It was a long procedure and a difficult one, and after it was done the doctor called us to his office and said, "There's been some bleeding. We'll let you know, but you should go home now and rest." And so going home that night, I listened for a phone call in the middle of the night and was awakened only to find out it was morning and it was birds singing, not the phone ringing. My father had made it through the night, and in fact he did recover from the surgery.

This is the joy we feel at Easter, but magnified. All of the hope that had been dashed on Good Friday, the terrible pressure of grief, the terrible pressure of knowing there was no future in the world, only on Sunday to be greeted not by the ringing of a telephone announcing death but the loud clear singing of alleluias. This is the joy we have, and it's a promise so strong that even when we do die, even when we do confront death, we have the hope and the assurance of eternal life. Easter makes it possible for us, even at the grave, to sing alleluia.



Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Happy Easter, dear church.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



...from the Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, the snow banks have almost disappeared. My office window is open, and I can smell Spring in the warming soil and leaf decay that wafts up from the ground on the cool breeze that stirs the curtains.

It wasn't so long ago that March and April felt endless. I had grown up with snow melt in March and April daffodils not far behind. It was a difficult transition to enduring Spring by U.P. standards. It literally took me years to figure out that Spring in the U.P. is frozen mud and dirty snowbanks. But once I redefined what I expected of Spring, I found March and April to be less distressing and disappointing. Once I knew what the signs of Spring actually were, rather than what I wanted them to be, I found March and April to be hopeful rather than depressing.

As I write this, I feel hopeful. But there is also sadness as the world wakes up to the news of the Notre Dame fire. Like so many other tourists, I too have climbed the tower,



marveled at the beautiful windows, took pictures of the gargoyles, and stood in that sanctuary awed by how that structure conveyed the majesty and mystery of God.

I am not alone in my grief and sadness over the damage done to such an iconic witness to the faith of so many believers who participated in building this cathedral that took centuries. Generation after generation played a part even as they would never live to see its completion; such sacrifice and dedication, and certainly a very long view of history. They trusted that the community of faith would still need and value that Cathedral long after the workers and the builders and the present-day worshippers were years in the ground.



It's no wonder that we love our church buildings so. While none of our congregations in the Northern Great Lakes Synod have been in existence for 800+ years, most have spanned several generations. Immigrant families founded communities of faith and buildings where they would gather, that they expected to last.

But as Notre Dame burned, the faithful gathered outside it. And in the light of the flames, they sang hymns and prayed prayers. The Church gathered while their church burned.

The fire at Notre Dame is a stark reminder that buildings, while so very important and cherished, are not the Church. The Church, by definition, is the gathered faithful, those who offer their prayers and praise, those who seek the face of God and the presence of Christ in each other, those who together, proclaim Christ to their communities. I believe there is value in redefining church, or even rediscovering the actual definition of Church.

If we define Church as the building, then our vision for what God calls us to do and be is limited by the physicality of stone and carpet and pews. And if we feel that our church building is threatened, maybe by fire but more likely by the financial challenges of upkeep, then our priorities can also be challenged as we consider whether to put money towards ministry or some new building project. It is easy to improve a building. It is much more difficult to be a missionary to your own community. And the light bill is a far more pressing and defined need than a ministry vision that can be put off until there are funds for it.

While we value and cherish our church buildings, the Church is the people who gather in Christ's name; be it at the coffee house, in someone's home, at the park, anywhere. Where two or three are gathered...but of course, we always hope for more.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan



Music in the Community

**Negaunee Male Chorus
2019 Spring Concert**



“For Everything There Is a Season”

Ishpeming High School
W.C. Peterson Auditorium

Saturday, May 4, 2019 7:00 pm

Tickets:

Adults - \$10.00

Children - 5 to 10 years - \$5.00

Children under 5 - FREE



Superior Hand-

Inaugural Concert

bells



Sunday, May 5, 2019 4:00 pm
Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette



**The Marquette
Spring Concert**



Male Chorus

“It’s a Musical! Broadway songs Old and New”

Marquette Hope Methodist Church First Campus
111 East Ridge St., Marquette
Friday, May 17th @ 7:30



Kids!



May 12 - Sunday School kids will sing during the worship service on Mother's Day



May 19 - Ian Bivins and Jarin Johnson will make their public affirmation of their baptism at the 10:30 worship service.

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST May 19 - Last day of Sunday School



**Treat Mom to a Heart-Shaped Breakfast
Yummy, Beautiful Yogurt Parfait**

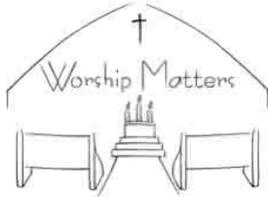
What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!

Council Highlights— April 2019



- Received a letter of thanks from Thrivent
- May 29 is designated as “Answer the Call” Sunday.
- Board is looking at programs that will send important messages to all members in a timely manner.
- No updates on preschool or building programs
- Pastor was appointed to the Board of LSTC (Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago). His first meeting will be May 20-21.
- Synod Assembly will be in Escanaba at Bay College May 16-18. The opening worship service will be held at Bethany Lutheran (Escanaba) on May 16 at 7:00pm.
- Confirmation Sunday will be May 19. To confirmands—Jarín Johnson and Ian Bivins—will affirm their baptism during the worship service.
- Recognition of Bethany’s graduates will be June 2.



"I'd like to thank the Women's Auxiliary for the plants and flowers, and I'd like to thank the Men's Fellowship for the machete."



YTD Income: \$45,718.16

YTD Expenses: \$54,558.62

January—March 2019

Sue Holmgren's Chocolate Raspberry Pie

Ingredients

Pastry for single-crust pie (9 in.)
3 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 cups fresh or frozen raspberries, thawed

Filling:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

Topping:

2 ounces semisweet chocolate
4 Tablespoons butter

Direction

1. Line unpricked pie shell with a double thickness of heavy-duty foil. Bake at 450° for 8 minutes. Remove foil; bake 5 minutes longer. Cool on a wire rack.
2. In a large saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch. Stir in the raspberries; bring to a boil over medium heat. Boil and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cool for 15 minutes. Spread into shell; refrigerate.
3. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Fold in whipped cream. Carefully spread over raspberry layer. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
4. In a microwave, melt chocolate and butter; stir until smooth.
5. Cool for 4 – 5 minutes. Pour over filling. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours. Store in the refrigerator.



Thanks to everyone who made pies for the Pie Social, and thanks to all who came. The money raised will be donated to fight world hunger.



**Memorial Day Service
@ Ishpeming Cemetery
May 27 @ 10:00 am**



The Free Store

The Free Store is an interfaith non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene and cleaning supplies. Anyone in need is welcome. Free things are offered as “in God’s economy there is always enough.” The Free Store is located at 1420 East M28 next to Lakestate Industries. It is open Wednesdays Noon-4PM (1st, 2nd 3rd weeks of month) Facebook@thenewfreestore.

There is a collection box in our church entry. Donation requests rotate on a monthly basis.

**Suggested donations for April:
female shampoo, female conditioner, male shampoo.**

**In life, there are many promotions in spiritual growth,
but there is no graduation.**

-T. J. Bach

**Bethany’s Website
www.bethanyishpeming.org**



To view the latest edition of the Outlook in color, please visit Bethany’s website.



Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente:

Jacobetti: Carol Waters

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Jean Johns, Annette Larson,
Adeline Johnson

Mill Creek: Marilyn Pontti, Betty Geier



- Amanda Bivins
- Pastor Justin Silvius
- Emilie Brown and family who mourn the loss of her mother Millicent Dunn
- Ida Anderson and family who mourn the loss of Ida's daughter Joanne Gaffney
- Karen Plaisier, Kathy Kish, family and friends who mourn the loss of Karen and Kathy's brother Bruce Norell
- Paul Kniivila
- John Lusardi
- Ann Wise
- Cindy Warner
- Loreth Johnson
- Bob Kaukola
- Emilie Brown
- Bob Maki
- Kathy Geier
- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Dan & Sharon Argall
- Ray Chartre
- Roger & Ruth Solberg
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Ted Swanson
- Judy Hogan
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe

Contact **Linda Dahl** by phone, e-mail, or by dropping a note in the newsletter mailbox at church.

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Stewardship, Tom Perry
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May Worship Assistants

May 5

Assisting Minister - Rick Rhoades
Acolytes - Ian Bivins and Jacob Bivins
Altar - LaVerne Koski
Coffee Hosts - Quilters
Flowers - Ruby Kaukola
Nursery - Mackenzie Ryan
Bread - Rae Elliot
Youth Usher - Ashley Chartre

May 12

Assisting Minister - Jackson Cardoni
Acolytes - Jarin Johnson and Brady Johnson
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Ray Sundblad by Colleen Sundblad
Nursery - Denise Kaukola
Bread - Linda Dahl
Youth Usher - Reid Frustaglio

May 19

Assisting Minister - Kay Ryan
Acolytes - Faith Cain and Leo Dockery
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Property
Flowers -
Nursery -
Bread - Marian Medlyn
Youth Usher - Jacob Bivins

May 26

Assisting Minister - Gwen Bruhnke
Acolytes - Ashley Chartre and Luke Holmgren
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee - Finance
Flowers - In memory of Don Tyni by Shirley, John & Sheryl
Nursery - Sabrina Holm-Brown
Bread - Terra Frustaglio
Youth Usher - Brady Johnson

May 30 Ascension Service @ 6:30 pm

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl
Bread - Judy Kitchen

Thank You!

May Ushers:

Jaak Livoja
Mike Richards
Tom Ryan
John Waters
Tim Grant
John Hansen



June Ushers:

John Beerling
Jerry Hager
Bill Heavyside
Don Meyer
Dan Sleeman
Bob Bruhnke
Rick Rhoades

Happy Birthday!

- 1 - Sheri Wooden
- 5 - Mia Wentworth
- 7 - Carol Holmgren
- 8 - Michael Carriere
- 8 - Eric Martin
- 9 - Paul Waters
- 11 - John Hansen
- 11 -- Kate Clark
- 13 - Carrie Atkins
- 15 - Sherry Lusardi
- 15 - Ray Yunkari
- 16 - Kathryn Chapman
- 17 - Natalee Dobson
- 17 - Jaak Liivoja
- 18 - Allen Beauchamp
- 19 Amanda Bivins
- 19 - Duane King
- 20 - Emmi Carlson
- 21 - Thomas Finegan
- 22 - Philip Argall
- 22 - Sandee Sundquist
- 23 - Judy Kitchen
- 24 - Tim Nault
- 24 - Perry Wooden
- 24 - D.J. Bivins
- 28 - Mary Toivonen
- 29 - Janet Olgren
- 31 - Michael Waters



Happy Anniversary!

Jaak & Pat Liivoja
5/1/76 43 years

Tim & Sally Grant
5/3/2003 16 years

Thomas & Pat Varda
5/5/73 46 years

John & Clara Carlson
5/6/61 58 years

Cathy & Keith Barton
5/8/81 38 years

Perry & Sheri Wooden
5/14/83 36 years

Allen & Joan Beauchamp
5/26/2018 1 year

Stan & Kris Hough
5/25/85 34 years

